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## House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROONEY of Florida).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 20, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Charles Sikorsky, LC, Divine Mercy University, Arlington, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed on our Nation, and we ask You for Your continued providential care. May our citizens enjoy the blessings of freedom, peace, security, and brotherhood.

We pray for Your guidance and wisdom as we seek to build a more just and flourishing society and world founded on solidarity, subsidiarity, and the common good.

We ask You to bless this session and all of the important work that it entails. Help our legislators to proceed with concern for the dignity of every human person and respect for the responsibilities and obligations that come with the freedoms and the blessings that You have given us. May their work be motivated by the quest for justice and truth.

Finally, we pray for our citizens who are in distress and for the protection of the noble men and women of our military spread throughout the world.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 944, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MESSER, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3084. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 944, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2016.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, December 23, 2016, at 10 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7927. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New

Qualifying Country-Estonia (DFARS Case 2017-D001) [Docket No.: DARS-2016-0048] (RIN: 0750-AJ18) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7928. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Financing (DFARS Case 2015-D026) [Docket No.: DARS-2016-0009] (RIN: 0750-AI90) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7929. A letter from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's report to Congress on college credit card agreements, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637(r)(3); Public Law 90-321, Sec. 127 (as amended by Public Law 111-24, Sec. 305(a)); (123 Stat. 1750); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7930. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 2015 Merger Decisions Report, pursuant to Sec. 18(c)(9) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7931. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Federal Home Loan Bank New Business Activities (RIN: 2590-AA84) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7932. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Enterprise Duty to Serve Underserved Markets (RIN: 2590-AA27) received December 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7933. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule — Acquired Member Assets (RIN: 2590-AA69) received December 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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